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NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 21st June, 1954

S.R.O. 2017.—In pursuance of clause (a) and (b) of sub-section (3) of section 8 of the Delimitation Commission Act, 1952 (LXXXI of 1952), the Delimitation Commission hereby publishes its proposals in respect of the distribution of the seats allotted to the State of Assam in the House of the People and the seats assigned to the Legislative Assembly of that State to territorial constituencies and the delimitation thereof in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (2) of the said section and specifies the 31st July, 1954, as the date on or after which the proposals will be further considered by it.

Any objections or suggestions in regard to these proposals should reach the Secretary of the Delimitation Commission (No. 2, Prithvi Raj Road, New Delhi) before the said date. It would facilitate prompt consideration if they are in English.

PROPOSALS

The territorial constituencies into which the State of Assam shall be divided for the purpose of elections to (a) the House of the People and (b) the Legislative Assembly of the State, the extent of each constituency, the number of seats allotted to each constituency and the number of seats, if any, reserved for the Scheduled Castes or, as the case may be, for the

Scheduled Tribes, in each constituency shall be as shown in the following Tables:—

TABLE A.—PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES

Serial No.	Name of Constituency	Extent of Constituency	Total number of seats	Seats reserved for	
				Scheduled Castes	Scheduled Tribes
I	2	3	4	5	6
1	Cachar	Cachar and Lushai Hills districts.	2	1	Nil
2	Autonomous districts	Naga Hills, United Mikir and North Cachar Hills and United Khasi and Jaintia Hills districts.	1	Nil	1
3	Dhubri	Garo Hills district ; and Mankachar, South Salmara, Dhubri, Golakganj and Bilasipara thanas, and union Nos. 1 to 3 in Lakhipur thana, in Goalpara district.	1	Nil	Nil
4	Goalpara	Goalpara district (excluding Mankachar, South Salmara, Dhubri, Golakganj and Bilasipara thanas and union Nos. 1 to 3 in Lakhipur thana); Kamrup district (excluding Gauhati, Chaygaon, Kamalpur, Boko, Nalbari, Hajo, Palasbari and Tarabari thanas); and Panery, Udalguri, Kalaigaon thanas, and Mangaldai thana (excluding Samabari mouza), in Darrang district.	2	Nil	1

Serial No.	Name of Constituency	Extent of Constituency	Total number of seats	Seats reserved for	
				Scheduled Castes	Scheduled Tribes
1	2	3	4	5	6
5	Gauhati	Gauhati sub-division (excluding Rangliya and Barama thanas), and Tarabari thana in Barpeta sub-division, of Kamrup district.	1	Nil	Nil
6	Darrang	Darrang district (excluding Udalguri, Panery, Kalaigaon and Mangaldai thanas, but including Samabari mouza in Mangaldai thana); and Mairabari mouza in Lahari-ghat thana, and Dhing thana, in Nowgong district; and the Subansiri and Kameng Frontier Divisions of the North East Frontier Agency.	1	Nil	Nil
7	Nowgong	Nowgong district (excluding Mairabari mouza in Lahari-ghat thana and Dhing thana).	1	Nil	Nil
8	Jorhat	Jorhat and Golaghat sub-divisions of Sibsagar district.	1	Nil	Nil
9	Sibsagar	Sibsagar sub-division in Sibsagar district; North Lakhimpur sub-division, Dhemaaji thana, and Ting-khong and Jaipur mouzas in Jaipur thana, in Lakhimpur district.	1	Nil	Nil

Serial No.	Name of Constituency	Extent of Constituency	Total number of seats	Seats reserved for	
				Sched- uled Castes	Sched- uled Tribes
1	2	3	4	5	6
10	Dibrugarh	Lakhimpur district (excluding North Lakhimpur sub-division, Dhemaji thana and Tingkhong and Jaipur mouzas in Jaipur thana); and Tirap, Siang, Lohit and Tuensang Frontier Divisions of the North-East Frontier Agency.	1	Nil	Nil

TABLE B--ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCIES

Serial No.	Name of Constituency	Extent of Constituency	Total number of seats	Seats reserved for	
				Sched-uled Castes	Sched-uled Tribes
1	2	3	4	5	6
LUSHAI HILLS DISTRICT					
1	Lungleh	Lungleh sub-division.	1	Nil	1
2	Aijal East	Administrative circles Nos. IVA, IVB and V to VIII in Aijal sub-division.	1	Nil	1
3	Aijal West	Aijal sub-division (excluding administrative circles Nos. IVA, IVB and V to VIII).	1	Nil	1
CACHAR DISTRICT					
4	Patharkandi	Ratabari and Patharkandi thanas.	2	1	Nil
5	Karimganj South	Karimganj thana (excluding circles Nos. 1 to 4, 6 to 11, 21 to 24, 27, 37, 38, 40 and 41).	1	Nil	Nil
6	Karimganj North	Circles Nos. 1 to 4, 6 to 11, 21 to 24, 27, 37, 38, 40 and 41 in Karimganj thana ; and circles Nos. 7 to 9 in Badarpur thana.	1	Nil	Nil
7	Badarpur	Badarpur thana (excluding circles Nos. 7 to 9) ; and circles Nos. 1 to 7 in Hailakandi thana.	1	Nil	Nil
8	Hailakandi	Hailakandi thana (excluding circles Nos. 1 to 7, 19 to 22, 22A and 23).	1	Nil	Nil

Serial No.	Name of Constituency	Extent of Constituency	Total number of seats	Seats reserved for	
				Sched-uled Castes	Sched-uled Tribes
I	2	3	4	5	6
9	Katlicherra	Katlicherra thana ; and circles Nos. 19 to 22, 22A and 23 in Hailakandi thana.	1	Nil	Nil
10	Silchar West	Silchar town, and circles Nos. 22 to 25, 33, 36 and 37 in Silchar thana.	1	Nil	Nil
11	Silchar East	Silchar thana (exclud- ing Silchar town and circles Nos. 20 to 25, 33, 36 and 37); and circle No. 56 in Sonai thana.	1	Nil	Nil
12	Katigora	Katigora thana; and circles Nos. 20 and 21 in Silchar thana.	1	Nil	Nil
13	Udarband	Udarband and Barkhola thanas.	1	Nil	Nil
14	Lakhipur	Lakhipur thana.	1	Nil	Nil
15	Sonai	Sonai thana (exclu- ding circle No. 56).	1	Nil	Nil
NAGA HILLS DISTRICT					
16	Mokokchung	Ao and Konyak Areas.	1	Nil	1
17	Naga Hills Central	Sema, Lotha and Rengma Areas.	1	Nil	1
18	Kohima	Naga Hills district (ex- cluding Ao, Konyak, Sema, Lotha and Rengma Areas).	1	Nil	1

Serial No.	Name of Constituency	Extent of Constituency	Total number of seats	Seats reserved for	
				Scheduled Castes	Scheduled Tribes
1	2	3	4	5	6
UNITED MIKIR AND NORTH CACHAR HILLS DISTRICT					
19	Mikir Hills East	Mikir Hills sub-division [excluding Bhoi Doloiship (Blocks Nos. I and II), Duar Amla, Rangkhong, Lanka and Namati mouzas].	1	Nil	1
20	Mikir Hills West	Bhoi Doloiship (Blocks Nos. I and II), Duar Amla, Rangkhong, Lanka and Namati mouzas in Mikir Hills sub-division.	1	Nil	1
21	North Cachar Hills	North Cachar Hills sub-division.	1	Nil	1
UNITED KHASI AND JAINTIA HILLS DISTRICT					
22	Jowai	Jowai sub-division.	1	Nil	1
23	Nongpoh	Nongpoh police station, and such of the villages in Shillong police station as are specified in item (1) of the Appendix, in Shillong sub-division.	1	Nil	1
24	Shillong	Shillong town and cantonment, and such of the villages in Shillong police station as are specified in item (2) of the Appendix, in Shillong sub-division.	1	Nil	Nil
25	Nongstoin	Shillong police station [excluding such of the villages as are specified in items (1) and (2) of the Appendix] in Shillong sub-division.	1	Nil	1

Serial No.	Name of Constituency	Extent of Constituency	Total number of seats	Seats reserved for	
				Scheduled Castes	Scheduled Tribes
1	2	3	4	5	6
26	Cherrapunji	Cherra police station in Shillong sub-division.	1	Nil	1
GARO HILLS DISTRICT					
27	Baghmara	Mouzas Nos. I, VIII and IX.	1	Nil	1
28	Tura	Mouzas Nos. II, VII and X.	1	Nil	1
29	Phulbari	Mouzas Nos. III and VI.	1	Nil	1
30	Dainadubi	Mouzas Nos. IV and V.	1	Nil	1
GOALPARA DISTRICT					
31	Mankachar	Mankachar thana; and South Salmara thana (excluding unions Nos. 1, 4, 8, 10 and 12).	1	Nil	Nil
32	South Salmara	Unions Nos. 1 to 3 in Lakhipur thana; and unions Nos. 1, 4, 8, 10 and 12 in South Salmara thana.	1	Nil	Nil
33	Goalpara	Goalpara and Dudnai thanas ; and Lakhipur thana (excluding unions Nos. 1 to 3).	2	Nil	1
34	North Salmara	North Salmara thana; and unions Nos. 7 to 16 in Bijni thana.	2	1	Nil
35	Kokrajar	Kokrajar and Sidli thanas; and Bijni thana (excluding unions Nos. 7 to 16).	2	Nil	1

Serial No.	Name of Constituency	Extent of Constituency	Total number of seats	Seats reserved for	
				Sched-uled Castes	Sched-uled Tribes
1	2	3	4	5	6
36	Gossaigaon	Goassaigaon thana.	1	Nil	Nil
37	Golakganj	Golakganj thana.	1	Nil	Nil
38	Dhubri	Dhubri thana (excluding Gauripur town and unions Nos. 6 to 11).	1	Nil	Nil
39	Gauripur	Gauripur town, and unions Nos. 6 to 11, in Dhubri thana; and unions Nos. 2 to 4 in Bilasipara thana.	1	Nil	Nil
40	Bilasipara	Bilasipara thana (excluding unions Nos. 2 to 4).	1	Nil	Nil
	KAMRUP DISTRICT				
41	Tarabari	Tarabari thana.	1	Nil	Nil
42	Jania	Ruposi and Titapani mouzas in Sorbhog thana; and Jania and Mondia mouzas in Barpeta thana.	1	Nil	Nil
43	Sorbhog	Sorbhog thana (excluding Ruposi and Titapani mouzas).	1	Nil	Nil
44	Patachar-kuchi	Patacharkuchi thana ; and Barama thana (excluding Madhya Baska mouza).	2	Nil	1
45	Rangiya	Rangiya thana; and Madhya Baska mouza in Barama thana.	2	Nil	1
46	Kamalpur	Kamalpur thana.	1	Nil	Nil
47	Gauhati	Gauhati thana (excluding Ramcharani mouza).	1	Nil	Nil

Serial No.	Name of Constituency	Extent of Constituency	Total number of seats	Seats reserved for	
				Sched-uled Castes	Sched-uled Tribes
1	2	3	4	5	6
48	Palasbari	Ramcharani mouza in Gauhati and Palasbari thanas ; Dakhinrani and Chayani mouzas in Palasbari thana; and Pub Bangsar mouza in Hajo thana.	1	Nil	Nil
49	Boko	Boko thana; and Chaygaon Panton mouza in Chaygaon thana.	1	Nil	Nil
50	Hajo	Hajo thana (excluding Pub Bangsar mouza).	1	Nil	Nil
51	Rampur	Bholagaon, Borduar and Rampur mouzas in Palasbari thana; and Dakhin Saru Bangsar and Pub Chamaria mouzas in Chaygaon thana.	1	Nil	Nil
52	Pakowa	Uppor Borbhog, Bahjani, Pakowa and Uttar Barkhetri mouzas in Nalbari thana.	1	Nil	Nil
53	Nalbari	Nalbari thana (excluding Uppor Borbhog, Bahjani, Pakowa and Uttar Barkhetri mouzas).	1	Nil	Nil
54	Barpeta	Barpeta thana (excluding Jania and Mondia mouzas).	2	1	Nil
DARRANG DISTRICT					
55	Mangaldai	Mangaldai thana (excluding Chapai and Samabari mouzas).	1	Nil	Nil
56	Panery	Panery, Udalguri and Kalaigaon thanas; and Chapai mouza in Mangaldai thana.	2	Nil	1

Serial No.	Name of Constituency	Extent of Constituency	Total number of seats	Seats reserved for	
				Scheduled Castes	Scheduled Tribes
1	2	3	4	5	6
57	Dalgaon	Dalgaon thana; and Samabari mouza in Mangaldai thana.	1	Nil	Nil
58	Dhekiajuli	Mazbat thana; and Dhekiajuli thana (excluding Barchalla and Bargaon mouzas).	1	Nil	Nil
59	Barchalla	Barchalla and Bargaon mouzas in Dhekiajuli thana; and Bargaon, Bihaguri, Halleswar and Bhairabpad mouzas in Tezpur thana.	1	Nil	Nil
60	Balipara	Balipara, Bansbari and Garaimari mouzas in Tezpur thana of Darrang district; and Subansiri and Kameng Frontier Divisions of the North East Frontier Agency.	1	Nil	Nil
61	Tezpur	Mahabhairab mouza in Tezpur thana; and Chilabandha, Murhadal, Barbhagia and Nagasankar mouzas in Sootea thana.	1	Nil	Nil
62	Biswanath	Sootea thana (excluding Chilabandha, Murhadal, Barbhagia and Nagasankar mouzas); and Biswanath and Baghmara mouzas in Behali thana.	1	Nil	Nil
63	Gohpur	Gohpur thana; and Behali thana (excluding Biswanath and Baghmara mouzas).	1	Nil	Nil

Serial No.	Name of Constituency	Extent of Constituency	Total number of seats	Seats reserved for	
				Sched-uled Castes	Sched-uled Tribes
1	2	3	4	5	6
	NOWGONG DISTRICT				
64	Laharighat	Laharighat thana (ex-cluding Mairabari mouza); Marigaon thana; and Sahari mouza in Raha thana.	2	Nil	1
65	Dhing	Mairabari mouza in Laharighat thana; and Dhing thana.	1	Nil	Nil
66	Rupohihat	Rupohihat thana (ex-cluding Lakhowa and Khatowal mouzas).	1	Nil	Nil
67	Kaliabor	Kaliabor thana; and Lakhowa mouza in Rupohihat thana.	1	Nil	Nil
68	Samaguri	Samaguri thana; and Khotowal mouza in Rupohihat thana.	1	Nil	Nil
69	Nowgong	Nowgong thana; and Raha thana (excluding Sahari mouza).	2	1	Nil
70	Jamunamukh	Jamunamukh thana (excluding Hojai and Lanka mouzas).	1	Nil	Nil
71	Lumding	Lumding thana; and Hojai and Lanka mouzas in Jamunamukh thana.	1	Nil	Nil
	SIBSAGAR DISTRICT				
72	Marangi	Sarupathar, Barupathar and Marangi mouzas in Golaghat thana.	1	Nil	Nil

Serial No.	Name of Constituency	Extent of Constituency	Total number of seats	Seats reserved for	
				Sched-uled Castes	Sche- duled Tribes
1	2	3	4	5	6
73	Golaghat	Golaghat thana (excluding Sarupathar, Barupathar, Marangi, Khumtai and Mahura mouzas).	1	Nil	Nil
74	Titabar	Titabar thana.	1	Nil	Nil
75	Teok	Teok thana.	1	Nil	Nil
76	Amguri	Amguri thana; and Joktali mouza in Nazira thana.	1	Nil	Nil
77	Nazira	Nazira thana (excluding Joktali mouza).	1	Nil	Nil
78	Sonari	Sonari thana (excluding Khaloighogra and Mahmara mouzas).	1	Nil	Nil
79	Thowra	Nitaipukhuri, Thowra and Bokota mouzas in Sibsagar thana; and Khaloighogra and Mahmara mouzas in Sonari thana.	1	Nil	Nil
80	Sibsagar	Sibsagar thana (exclud- ing Nitaipukhuri, Thowra and Bokota mouzas).	1	Nil	Nil
81	Jorhat	Jorhat thana (excluding Khongia, Charaibari, Garamur, Katoni and Holangapar mouzas); and Majuli thana.	2	1	Nil
82	Katonigaon	Khongia, Charaibari, Garamur, Katoni and Holongapar mouzas in Jorhat thana.	1	Nil	Nil
83	Dergaon	Bokakhat and Dergaon thanas; and Mohura and Khumtai mouzas in Golaghat thana.	2	Nil	1

Serial No.	Name of Constituency	Extent of Constituency	Total number of seats	Seats reserved for	
				Sched-uled Castes	Sched-uled Tribes
1	2	3	4	5	6
	LAKHIMPUR DISTRICT				
84	Bihpuria	Bihpuria thana.	1	Nil	Nil
85	North Lakhimpur	North Lakhimpur, Dhak-uakhana and Dhemaji thanas.	2	Nil	1
86	Dibrugarh	Paikmahal, Dibrugarh and Jamira mouzas in Dibrugarh thana.	1	Nil	Nil
87	Moran	Larua mouza in Dibrugarh thana; Moran thana; Tengakhat, Gharbandi and Khare-mia mouzas in Bordubi thana; Chabuapolanga mouza in Tinsukia thana; and Sasani mouza in Jaipur thana.	2	Nil	1
88	Lahowal	Mankata, Modarkat, Lahowal and Rahmorla mouzas in Dibrugarh thana.	1	Nil	Nil
89	Jaipur	Tingkhong and Jaipur mouzas in Jaipur thana.	1	Nil	Nil
90	Bogdung	Bogdung, Rangagora, Gharbandi and Hapjan mouzas in Tinsukia thana.	1	Nil	Nil
91	Tinsukia	Tinsukia mouza in Tinsukia thana; Tingrai mouza in Tinsukia and Digboi thanas; Tipling mouza in Bordubi thana; and Phakial mouza in Jaipur thana.	1	Nil	Nil

Serial No.	Name of Constituency	Extent of constituency	Total number of seats	Seats reserved for	
				Scheduled Castes	Scheduled Tribes
1	2	3	4	5	6
92	Digboi	Margherita thana; Digboi thana (excluding Tingrai mouza); and Tirap and Tuensang Frontier Divisions of the North East Frontier Agency.	1	Nil	Nil
93	Doom-Dooma	Doom-Dooma thana (excluding Saikhowa mouza).	1	Nil	Nil
94	Saikhowa	Saikhowa mouza in Doom-Dooma thana; and Siang and Lohit Frontier Divisions of the North East Frontier Agency.	1	Nil	Nil

APPENDIX

(1)

Villages in Shillong police station included in Nongpoh Assembly Constituency.

(i) The following villages in Bhoi Area of Khyrim Siemship :—

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| (1) Klew | (8) Tynring |
| (2) Mawbsein | (9) Umraliang |
| (3) Mawlwai | (10) Umket |
| (4) Mawtari | (11) Siejiong |
| (5) Mawkhanu | (12) Nongtraw |
| (6) Mawkyrdep | (13) Lumdiengngan |
| (7) Mawpdang | (14) Diengpasoh. |

(ii) The following villages in Myllem Siemship :—

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| (1) Kreit | (7) Nongpathaw |
| (2) Nongmadan | (8) Lawmei |
| (3) Nongbsap. | (9) Mynsain |
| (4) Mawlaingut | (10) Lumpyllun-Mawprem |
| (5) Phansawrang | (11) Rynli |
| (6) Mawpih | (12) Dewsaw-Mawrishan |

(iii) Mawlum village in Marbisu Sirdarship.

(iv) All villages in Nongkhlaw Siemship other than Sohrarim, Laitkynsew and the villages which lie within Nongpoh police station.

(v) All villages of Sohiong Lyngdohship.

(vi) Villages of Nongspung Siemship other than those which lie within Nongpoh police station.

(vii) All villages in Mawiang Siemship.

(viii) All villages in Myriaw Siemship.

(2)

Villages in Shillong police station included in Shillong Assembly Constituency.

(i) The following villages of Myllem State :—

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|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| (1) Nongthymmai | (15) Mawlai Umthlong |
| (2) Madan Rytng | (16) Mawlai Umjajew |
| (3) Nongrah | (17) Umlyngka |
| (4) Umpling | (18) Lummawbah, Nongkseh and Manipur |
| (5) Mawpat | (19) Pynthorumkhrah |
| (6) Mawtawar | (20) Upper Shillong 5th Mile |
| (7) Umshing Mawkynroh | |
| (8) Mawlai Mawdatbaki | (21) Lawsohtun |
| (9) Mawlai Phudawri | (22) Mawroh |
| (10) Mawlai Nonglum | (23) Laitkor Mawri |
| (11) Mawlai Nongpdeng | (24) Laitkor Ryngi |
| (12) Mawlai Umjaiur | (25) Mawklot |
| (13) Mawlai Iewrynghep | (26) Nongpyiur |
| (14) Mawlai Nongkwar | (27) Nongumlong |

(ii) The following villages of Khyrim State :—

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| (1) Sohyngkham | (3) Mawlynrei. |
| (2) Mawshbuit | |

P. T. O.

MINUTES OF DISSENT

(I)

As I come from the district of Cachar, I am fully aware of the geographical position, communication facilities and administrative advantages and disadvantages of the district and I find some defects in the proposals.

Re: Commission's Proposals

TABLE B—ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCIES
CACHAR DISTRICT

	Name of Constituency	Extent	Population
10.	Silchar West . . .	Silchar Town and Circles Nos. 22 to 25, 33, 36, 37 in Silchar Thana.	
11.	Silchar East . . .	Silchar Thana (excluding Silchar Town and Circles Nos. 20 to 25, 33, 36, 37 and Circle No. 56 in Sonai Thana.	
12.	Katigora . . .	Katigora Thana and Circles Nos. 20 to 21 in Silchar Thana.	
15.	Sonai . . .	Sonai Thana excluding Circle No. 56.	

According to the above proposals:—

Circle No. 38 of Silchar Thana has been placed in Silchar East Constituency with which it has no contiguity at all. This circle is contiguous to Silchar Town.

(ii) Circles Nos. 20 and 21 of Silchar Thana have been tagged with Katigora constituency. These circles have no connection with Katigora Thana being cut off by long ranges of hills and rivers. These are mostly connected with Silchar Town constituency.

(iii) Sonai Police Station, Tehsil Office, the biggest Sonai Bazar in that Thana are situated in circle 56. There is no justification of taking out this circle from Sonai Constituency.

Cachar District is an area containing hills, beels and jungles, so in delimitation of constituencies, communication facilities, contiguity and administrative advantage etc. should be taken into consideration.

Even now Katigora constituency consists of Katigora Thana only. Because of its peculiar geographical position it is an unit by itself. The tagging of any other areas of any other Thana is not at all encouraging and feasible.

Therefore my suggestions on the proposals are :

	Name of Constituency	Extent	Population
1.	Katigora . . .	Katigora Thana.	78,200
2.	Silchar North . . .	Silchar Town and Circles Nos. 20 to 22, 33, 36 to 38 of Silchar Thana.	92,325
3.	Silchar South . . .	Silchar Thana excluding Silchar Town and Circles Nos. 20 to 22, 33, 36 to 38 of Silchar Thana.	92,379
4.	Sonai . . .	Sonai Thana.	100,867

In delimiting of the Assembly constituencies of the other two subdivisions in the Cachar district, too much stress has not been given to the population figure in the Commission's proposals and to my mind it has been done rightly and correctly. In my suggestions also I have given much more stress on the geographical contiguity and communication facilities than the population figure.

Therefore the above suggestions made by me may kindly be accepted.

N. C. LASKAR, M.P.,

Associate Member.

(II)

1. My reasons for dissenting from the proposal carved out by the Commission is based on the facilities of better communication, compactness and affinity of population. While carving out the proposal of Kamrup district it was found necessary to tag a mouza of the North Bank of the Brahmaputra with the *South* Bank. As this is inevitable the mouza or the part of certain mouza of the North Bank having better facilities for crossing from North to South should be tagged. The Commission, in their proposals have tagged Pub-Bangsar mouza of *North* with the *South* Bank. The arrangement for crossing from this mouza to South is only by a marboat and to cross the river in this marboat is very risky. I, therefore, dissent from this proposal.

2. In my dissenting proposal North Gauhati Town of Gauhati thana with a population of 4,915 and Amingaon Railway Colony with a total population of 6,410 have been tagged to the North as better crossing facilities are available here, throughout all seasons. North Gauhati town and Amingaon Railway Colony, which has a well-demarcated boundary are of Silasundari Ghopa mouza, of which the former is under Gauhati thana and the latter is under Kamalpur thana.

3. An alternative proposal in respect of certain constituencies of Kamrup district is also submitted in view of certain changes and distribution of areas between Hajo and Nalbari thanas which it is understood are going to be effected immediately. If those proposals are accepted complications which are bound to arise on redistribution of the jurisdiction of these two thanas will altogether be avoided.

KAMPUR DISTRICT

Sl. No.	Name of Constituency	Extent of Constituency	1951 Census Population			Total No. of seats
			Total	Scheduled Castes	Scheduled Tribes	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
46.	Kamalpur	Kamalpur Thana (excluding Railway Colony).	89,700	2,428	14,373	1
47.	Gauhati	Gauhati thana (excluding Ramcharani (Part) mouza and North Gauhati Town).	94,617	2,340	4,014	1
48.	Palasbari—East	Dakhinrani, Chayani and Ramcharani (Part) mouza of Palasbari thana and Ramcharani (Part) mouza and North Gauhati town of Gauhati thana and Railway colony of Kamalpur thana.	83,479	4,376	3,007	1
49.	Palasbari—West	Pubchamaria and Dakhinsarubangsar mouzas of Chaygaon thana and Rampur, Barduar, and Bholagaon mouzas of Palasbari thana.	85,201	2,416	4,907	1
51.	Hajo	Hajo thana (excluding Pachim, Uttar and Madhya Barkhetri mouzas).	87,076	3,943	1,059	1
52.	Nalbari—West	Khetri Dharmapur, Dharmapur, Pakowa, Natun Dehor and Uttar Barkhetri mouzas of Nalbari thana and Uttar and Paschim Barkhetri mouzas of Hajo thana.	95,907	5,187	2,470	1

Sl. No.	Name of Constitu- ency	Extent of Constituency	1951 Census Population			Total No. of seats
			Total	Schedu- led Castes	Schedu- led Tribes	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
53	Nalbari— East	Upper Borbhog, Bahjani, Khata and Botaghila mouzas of Nalbari thana and Madhya Bor- khetri mouza of Hajo thana.	91,651	2,768	385	1

Alternative proposal as referred to in my letter under para 4.

Sl. No.	Name of Constituency	Extent of Constituency	1951 Census population	No. of seats
			Total	
1	2	3	4	5
46	Kamalpur . .	Kamalpur thana (excluding Railway Colony of Silasundarighopa mouza and North Gauhati town of Silasundarighopa mouza of Gauhati thana).	86,392	1
47	Gauhati . .	Gauhati thana (excluding Ramcharani (Part) mouza and North Gauhati town of Silasundarighopa mouza of Gauhati thana).	94,617	1
48	Palasbari . .	Dakhinrani, Chayani, Ramcharani (Part) mouza of Palasbari thana, Ramcharani (Part) mouza of Gauhati thana, North Gauhati town of Silasundarighopa mouza in Gauhati thana and Railway Colony of Kamalpur thana.	83,479	1
50	Hajo . .	Hajo thana (excluding Madhya Barkhetri mouza).	87,076	1
51	Rampur . .	Bholagoan, Rampur Borduar mauzas in Palasbari thana; and Dakhin Sarubangsar and Pub-Chamaria mauzas in Choygaon thana.	80,495	1
52	Nalbari—East .	Upper Barbhag, Bahjani, Khata and Batahghila mauzas of Nalbari thana and Madhya Barkhetri mouza of Hajo thana.	91,651	1

Sl. No.	Name of Constituency	Extent of Constituency	1951 Census population	No. of seats
			Total	
1	2	3	4	5
53.	Nalbari—West	Khetri Dharmapur, Dharmapur, Pokowa, Natundehor and Uttar Barkhetri mouzas of Nalbari thana; and Uttar Barkhetri and Paschim Barkhetri mouzas, now of Hajo thana, but proposed to be transferred immediately to Nalbari thana vide note below.

Note.—It is understood that for reasons of administrative convenience Uttar Barkhetri and Paschim Barkhetri mouza (now in Hajo thana) are immediately going to be transferred to Nalbari thana. If considered necessary the point may be referred to State Govt. for verification.

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(ii) BIJOY CHANDRA BHAGAVATI,

M.L.A.,

Associate Member

(III)

With reference to your letter No. 58/1/53 dated the 4th May, 1954, please find herewith a proposal for certain constituencies of Kamrup District, under section 8(3) (a) of the Delimitation Act with a dissenting note.

1. My reason for dissenting from the proposal carved out by the Commission is based on the facilities of better communication, compactness and affinity of population. While carving out the proposal of Kamrup District it was found necessary to tag a mouza of the South Bank of Brahmaputra with the North Bank. As this is inevitable the mouza or the part of the certain mouza of the South having better facilities for crossing from South to North should be tagged. Commission, in their proposals have tagged Pub-Bansar mouza of South with North Bank. The arrangement for crossing from this mouza to North is only by a marboat and to cross the river in this marboat is very risky. I therefore dissent from this proposal.

2. In my dissenting proposal North Gauhati Town of Gauhati thana with a population of 4915 and Amingaon Railway Colony with a total population of 6410 have been tagged to the North as better crossing facilities are available here, throughout all seasons. North Gauhati town and Amingaon Railway Colony, which has a well-demarcated boundary, are of Silasundari Ghopa mouza, of which the former is under Gauhati thana and the latter is under Kamalpur thana.

KAMRUP DISTRICT

Sl. No.	Name of constituency	Extent of Constituency	1951 Census Population			Total No. of seats	Percentage		Seats reserved for S. Cs. S. Ts.
			Total	Scheduled Castes	Scheduled Tribes		Scheduled Castes	Scheduled Tribes	
46	Kamalpur . .	Kamalpur thana (excluding Railway Colony).	89700	2428	14373	1			
47	Gauhati . .	Gauhati thana [excluding Ramcharani (Part) mouza and North Gauhati Town].	83479	2340	4014	1			
48	Palasbari East .	Dakhinrani, Chayani and Ramcharani (Part) 'mouza of Palasbari thana and Ramcharani (Part) mouza and North Gauhati town of Gauhati thana and Railway colony of Kamalpur thana.	89413	4376	3007	1			
49	Palasbari West .	Pubchamarua and Dakhinsarubangsar mouzas of Chhaygaon thana and Rampur, Barduar, and Bholagaon mouzas of Palasbari thana.	85201	2416	4907	1			
51	Hajo . . .	Hajo thana (excluding Paschim, Uttar and Madhya Barkhetri mouzas).	87076	3943	1059	1			

KAMRUP DISTRICT—*contd.*

Sl. No.	Name of constituency	Extent of Constituency	1951 Census Population			Total No. of seats	Percentage		Seats reserved for S. Cs. S. Ts.
			Total	Scheduled Castes	Scheduled Tribes		Scheduled Castes	Scheduled Tribes	
52	Nalbari West	Khetri Dharmapur, Dharmapur, Pakowa, Natun Dehor and Uttar Barkhetri mouzas of Nalbari thana and Uttar and Paschim Barkhetri mouzas of Hajo thana.	95907	5187	2470	1			
53	Nalbari East	Upper Borbhog, Bahjani, Khata and Botaghila mouzas of Nalbari thana and Madhya Barkhetri mouza of Hajo thana.	91651	2768	385	1			

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(IV)

1. The first point of objection which I think fit to raise appertains to the proposed reservation of one seat (Assembly) for the scheduled castes in favour of a population of 45,247 in a total of 1,108,124 in the district of Goalpara. This viewed against the allocation of one such reserved seat in the district of Cachar for a population of 108, 114 in a total of 1,115,865, seems rather para-doxical. While there can be no objection to the application of some definite criterion or formula in the matter of determination of seats, the results thus obtained cannot be readily ignored when injustice appears to occur affecting a large number of people. I am therefore, of the opinion that the scheduled castes population in the district of Goalpara cannot have a prior claim over that of Cachar which should be allowed two reserved seats for the scheduled castes instead of one as proposed.

2. The proposed reservation of one seat for the scheduled castes will also result in reducing the scope of representation for the general population in the district of Goalpara which had lost two seats under the existing allotment of seats. It may be of interest to know the background of the developments which led to the denial of two seats of the State Legislature to this unfortunate district.

In 1950, when the original proposals for allocation of seats of the State Legislature were formulated, the initial registration of voters was found to be so grossly inaccurate that the determined population on the basis of voters worked out at 818,764 as against 1,014,285 being the total population of the district as per 1941 census. As a result of this preposterous position the Election Commission ordered revision of the electoral rolls which eventually raised the determined population to 954,941 against the actual estimated population of 11,64,898 calculated with 15 per cent. natural increase over the population of 1941. While on the basis of the actual estimated population the district was entitled to 14 seats it was actually allotted 12 seats. As this anomalous position became known a strong agitation was set on foot by the people of the district but to their misfortune numerous representations submitted to the Election Commission failed to elicit any redress against such grievous injustice to their political and constitutional rights. Though abnormal deficiency in the number or registered voters was made good to a considerable extent by supplementary registration, the district had to suffer by two seats in representation during the current term of the State Legislature.

3. Then again after the census of 1951 when a review of the whole position was undertaken by the Delimitation Commission it was expected that the injustice done to this district would be undone and that it would get its due share of 14 seats. But that was not to be. The census figures of 1951 also disclosed a mysterious deficiency. While the nett increase in population compared to the census of 1941 ranged from 13·8 per cent. to 28·7 per cent. in other plains districts of the State and the average nett increase in the State itself was 15·5 per cent. the increase in the district of Goalpara was shown as 4·8 per cent. *i.e.* a deficit of 10 per cent. (Figures published *vide* Assam Gazette Notification No. PAB15/158 dated 4th May 1951). The loss of population is estimated at a little over a lakh resulting in the increase of one seat instead of two. In the absence of any abnormal factors operating against natural increase of population during the decade it is only the agency entrusted with the census operation which has to accept the full responsibility for the loss of one seat suffered by the district of Goalpara.

It is indeed, a sad commentary on the state of affairs as prevailed in the district in matters connected with registration of voters and the census operation and that no remedy could be made available against what is obviously a case of flagrant injustice. It is also equally unfortunate that under the existing law the Delimitation Commission is bound by the census figures however much tainted and questionable they may be. So long as the statutory position remains as it is at present and no effective safeguards are provided by law in future against such malpractice, there will be always scope for injustice being committed and gerrymandering being indulged in by unscrupulous elements in the administration.

5. Out of 13 seats proposed to be allotted to the district two will have to be reserved for the scheduled tribes whose population actually warrants this. The reservation of one more seat for the scheduled castes for which, in my opinion, there is not the slightest justification, only 10 seats will fall to the share of the general population numbering 892,470, which is by far less than its legitimate share.

It is therefore, strongly commended for the sympathetic consideration of the Commission that having due regard to the circumstances stated above no reservation be made for the scheduled castes population in the district of Goalpara and thereby at least partially the injustice done to the general population be mitigated. In that event the proposed double member constituency No. 34 may be conveniently split up into two separate general constituencies.

Delimitation of Assembly Constituencies

During the deliberations of the Commission at Shillong during April last I suggested some minor adjustments in the delimitation of four constituencies *viz.* No. 31 (Mankachar), 32 (South Salmara), 39 (Gauripur) and 40 (Bilasipara) with a view to add more to territorial compactness, facilities of communication, public convenience and other relevant factors as required by sec. 8(2)(e) of the Delimitation Act, 1952 but unfortunately my suggestions have not been accepted by the Commission. My primary object was to attach union No. 10 of South Salmara P.S. to the Gauripur constituency to which the said union is not only physically contiguous but intimately connected from economic, social and other points of view. Though administratively union No. 10 is part of South Salmara P. S. but for the last three decades or more it has remained physically cut off from the main territorial limits of that thana by reason of the mighty Brahmaputra flowing between this union on the north and the rest of the thana on the south. The inhabitants of this union have been, for such isolation experiencing serious inconvenience and representations were made to the local authorities to amalgamate it either with Bilasipara or Dhubri thana. As a result of this physical isolation, the inhabitants of this union have developed more intimate relation with the neighbouring people of Dhubri and Bilasipara thanas.

Similarly union 2 of Bilasipara thana, which by reason of physical contiguity as well as intimate social and economic connection forms the very core of that thana along with the other neighbouring unions, can only be severed therefrom and attached to the distant constituency of Gauripur with which it has very little connection to the serious inconvenience of its (union no. 2) 13000 inhabitants. Bilasipara Town which is the seat of the thana and an important business centre is about 5 to 6 miles from the centre of union No. 2 whereas Gauripur Town is not less than 14 to 15 miles away and cut off for all practical purposes from that union. In my opinion this union should be left with Bilasipara constituency for the sake of public convenience and territorial compactness and facilities of communications etc.

I therefore reiterate my revised proposals below for further consideration by the Commission in public interest:—

Sl. No.	Name	Extent of Constituency	Population
31	Mankachar .	Mankachar thana and South Salmara thana (excluding unions No. 1, 4, 8, 10, 11 and 12).	83,392
32	South Salmara	Unions No. 1 to 3 of Lakhipura thana and Unions No. 1, 4, 8, 11 and 12 of South Salmara thana.	85,360
39	Gauripur .	Gauripur Town and Unions No. 6 to 11 of Dhubri thana, union No. 10 of South Salmara thana and unions No. 3 and 4 of Bilasipara thana.	81,233
40	Bilasipara .	Bilasipara thana (excluding unions No. 3 and 4).	92,918

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